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Classified By: Acting Deputy Political Counselor Tim Lenderking for reasons 1.4 (b) and (d).

[11](#). (C) On November 12 we contacted the MFA's Deputy Director for International Organizations, Mohammed Alhmailidi, to convey reftel request that Iraq be absent for the upcoming UNGA Third Committee votes on the Iran Human Rights no-action motion and substantive resolution, and that Iraq vote against the Burma Human Rights resolution, as Iraq did in 2007. Alhmailidi noted that the French Charge had contacted him the day before with the same message. We stressed that the vote on the Iran resolution is expected to be very close and every vote (or in Iraq's case, absence) will be critical. Alhmailidi noted that Iraq's usual practice is to join Arab League consensus at the UN. In these cases, he said he would consult with the MFA's Human Rights department and advise that Iraq should take the same positions it did in 2007. He said MFA would convey that view to its Mission in New York.

[12](#). (C) Comment: Given that Embassy Baghdad's overriding focus in the coming days will be on concluding a SOFA, we recommend that USUN reinforce our message with Iraq's Mission in New York to ensure the MFA has conveyed instructions as above.
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